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CATFLE-RAISING PROGRAM ADVANCES

MORE FEED - MORE MEAT AND MILK -- Zycie Worstawy, Fo 138, 21 May 49

The editor of the Polish Press Agency received from the Minister of 'wriculture and Agrarian Reform the following information on the progress of the cattle-raising program,

The first problem was to increase the production of feed. Small farmers received 1,750 tons of fine grass and forage seeds, domestic and imported. A much larger area was thus sown than heretofore. The small farmers also received 180,000 tons of bran and dry screenings.

With the aid of the Central Dairy Cooperative, 177 consultation centers for proper feeding of cattle were established. The average increase in the production of milk from 164,000 cows under the supervision of the centers is 60 percent. In the first quarter 1948, 109 million liters were delivered to the dairies; the quarterly deliver; now is 173 million.

About 7,000 head of breeding stock were purchased. The buying up of heifers from farmers who do not have the accommodations for raising cattle was organized and centers were set up for raising calves and young pigs. Poultry incubation points increased to 164.

Hog-contracting exceeded the plan. Now the most important thing is to see that deliveries are made on schedule

Credits extended to small and medium farmers for livestock productions amounted to 950 million zlotys.

1,300,000 HOGS CONTRACTED FOR -- Trybuna Ludu, No 156, 9 Jun 49

From 1 to 30 May 1949, 96,000 fattened hogs were delivered to rural cooperatives, which was 26,000 head above plan. As of 30 May, 1,300,000 hogs were contracted for in the entire country.

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FROST CAUSES GREAT DAMAGE -- Rzeczpospolita, No 138, 21 May 49

In the second week of May, the northern powiats of Szczecin Wojewodztwo suffered a heavy frost which caused great damage to truck gardens and orchards, especially early potatoes, togatoes, cucumbers, gooseberries, walnuts, and the early varieties of apples. In the southern and the western powiats, the crop promises to be good.

5 MILLION ZIOTYS TO BUY HORSES, COWS -- Rzeczpospolita, No 157, 10 Jun 49

In May of this year, 160 families of landless peasants and small farmers emigrated from the southern powiets of Krakow Wolewodztwo to the western territory. The settlers were allotted 5 million zlotys for the purchase of horses and cows. Outright grants were made to 36 families to help establish them and also as an aid at sowing time.

The government's policy of land-tax reduction for settlers has proved helpful in the development of the resettlement program.

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